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The ***2016-17 Supplementary Supply Estimates*** reports an additional requirement for public monies to fund the operations of the Legislative Assembly for the year ending March 31, 2017. The estimate amount presented in this report is a supplement to the original estimate amounts provided by the Legislative Assembly in the *Appropriation Act, 2016* as detailed in the *2016-17 Offices of the Legislative Assembly Estimates*.

Information Presented

Supplementary estimate documents typically provide a series of introductory tables summarizing amounts and details of the requested supplementary amounts, providing totals of appropriation amounts by type of vote and department/office, and describing any prior changes in appropriation authority.

The ***2016-17 Supplementary Supply Estimates*** omits all of the introductory tables because there is only a single request. This report provides the following details on that request: the Current Estimate, Supplementary Estimate and total amounts for the program request, the reason for the request, and a summary placing the requested supplementary amount in the context of the original supply vote of the Legislative Assembly.

Definitions of Supply Votes and Other Terms

An **Estimate** is the amount required by the government to meet each of its planned commitments for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2017. The *Financial Administration Act* requires the government to report estimates of any amount that will require a cash withdrawal from the General Revenue Fund.

A **Supply Vote** is a discrete allocation from the 2016-17 Estimates that defines the amount of cash that may be drawn from the General Revenue Fund for a specified purpose. Following the principle of ministerial accountability, supply votes are divided along departmental lines, or rather in this instance, divided along the lines of the Officers of the Legislative Assembly. As in the *2016-17 Offices of the Legislative Assembly Estimates*, the programs and activities of each Officer are encompassed by a single vote.

An **Appropriation** is an authorization to withdraw and expend public money from the General Revenue Fund or another provincial fund or account. The *Financial Administration Act* requires that all such authorities be provided in legislation passed by the Legislative Assembly. Appropriations may be created by an appropriation act or another statute. Appropriations under an appropriation act must be created pursuant to a supply vote, or a set of supply votes, as resolved by the Committee of Supply.

Expense amounts are cash disbursements for the purposes of salaries, supplies and services, operating grants, capital grants to parties outside the consolidated government, as well as interest expense and other debt servicing costs for borrowing related to both capital and general government purposes.

Capital Investment consists of cash disbursements for the purposes of investments by the consolidated government in tangible capital assets valued at $5,000 or more. These amounts include any capital payments to related parties that will result in the creation of a tangible asset for that related party and the consolidated government as a whole. Capital payments to related parties are shown under their own sub-header.

Financial Transactions consist of cash disbursements for the purposes of payments for the reduction of a liability (including debt repayment), expenses to be recognized in a future year, the acquisition of financial assets, or the purchase of inventories.

Current Estimate is the total of the Original Estimate and all Approved Adjustments obtained to date, which in this case is identical to the Original Estimate.

The **Original Estimate** is the estimate amount approved by *the Appropriation Act, 2016* as detailed in the *2016-17 Offices of the Legislative Assembly Estimates* tabled in the Legislative Assembly on April 14, 2016.

A **Supplementary Estimate** is an amount requested to be added to the Current Estimate of an existing supply vote or a request for a new supply vote.

Again, due to the singular request, the ***2016-17 Supplementary Supply Estimates*** contains no restatements of the original estimate, no approved adjustments, and no transfers of voted amounts.

SUPPORT TO THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

The Honourable Robert E. Wanner
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly
Robert H. Reynolds, QC
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

SUPPLEMENTARY AMOUNT TO BE VOTED

(thousands of dollars)	Current Estimate	**Supplementary Estimate**	Total
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY	67,897	**1,451**	69,348

REASON SUPPLEMENTARY SUPPLY ESTIMATES REQUESTED

EXPENSE

The supplementary amount of $1,451,000 for the support of the Legislative Assembly is requested to provide for administrative support to and the activities of the Electoral Boundaries Commission. The Chair and the members have been appointed in accordance with the Legislation.

SUPPLEMENTARY AMOUNT BY PROGRAM

(thousands of dollars)	Current Estimate	**Supplementary Estimate**	Total
SUPPORT TO THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY			
EXPENSE			
15 Electoral Boundaries Commission	-	**1,451**	1,451
Balance of Legislative Assembly Vote	67,897	-	67,897
Total	67,897	**1,451**	69,348

SUMMARY OF VOTED AMOUNTS

(thousands of dollars)		Current Estimate	**Supplementary Estimate**	Total
SUPPORT TO THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY				
EXPENSE				
1	Legislative Assembly Office Administration	24,574	-	24,574
2	Members of the Legislative Assembly Administration	34,008	-	34,008
3	Government Members' Services	3,585	-	3,585
4	Official Opposition Services	2,824	-	2,824
5	PC Opposition Services	1,130	-	1,130
6	Liberal Opposition Services	329	-	329
7	AP Opposition Services	329	-	329
8	Vacant Member Services	79	-	79
14	Planning and Development Initiatives	195	-	195
15	Electoral Boundaries Commission	-	**1,451**	1,451
CAPITAL INVESTMENT				
2	Members of the Legislative Assembly Administration	10	-	10
14	Planning and Development Initiatives	530	-	530
ACQUISITION OF INVENTORY				
1	Legislative Assembly Office Administration	304	-	304
Total		67,897	**1,451**	69,348